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WASHINGTON, June 6, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 1 totaled an estimated 16.1 billion ton-miles, 5.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Memorial Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 376.6 billion ton-miles, down 3.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 1 totaled 347,529, down 6.6 percent from last year, and 11.4 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 13.9 percent in the East, 4.7 percent in the South and 2.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,177 cars (6.8 percent) and crushed stone, gravel and sand showed a gain of 1,123 cars (10.6 percent). Seventeen of 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 25 totaled 87,189 trailers and/or containers, 2.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 21 weeks of the year was 1,770,841 trailers and/or containers, down 3.8 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/1/85:

	Loadings in Week ended June 1, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	19,294	D	2,012	9.4	I	826	4.5
Other farm products	3,658	D	180	4.7	I	65	1.8
Metallic ores	15,965	D	3,044	16.0	D	4,276	21.1
Coal	102,378	D	12,315	10.7	D	17,265	14.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,706	I	1,123	10.6	D	1,466	11.1
Nonmetallic minerals	10,945	D	465	4.1	I	231	2.2
Grain mill products	8,873	D	549	5.8	D	1,293	12.7
Food and kindred products	9,890	I	492	5.2	D	1,057	9.7
Primary forest products	10,696	D	2,308	17.7	D	1,325	11.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,102	I	517	7.9	D	876	11.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,155	D	582	3.9	D	69	0.5
Chemicals and allied products	21,236	D	875	4.0	D	2,876	11.9
Petroleum products	4,041	D	137	3.3	D	729	15.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,343	D	18	0.2	D	1,179	10.2
Coke	4,653	D	1,149	19.8	D	470	9.2
Metals and products	9,641	D	963	9.1	I	302	3.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,532	I	1,177	6.8	D	3,576	16.2
Waste and scrap materials	7,419	D	1,372	15.6	D	1,182	13.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,284	D	684	11.5	D	1,002	15.9
All other carloads	51,584	D	1,153	2.2	D	7,445	12.6
LCL traffic	134	D	66	33.0	D	16	10.7
Total Cars Loaded	347,529	D	24,563	6.6	D	44,678	11.4
Corresponding week of 1984	372,092						

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (22 weeks)	8,185,993	8,644,168	D 5.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
21 Weeks ended May 25	360.5 (Rev.)	374.4	D 3.7
Week ended June 1	16.1	17.0	D 5.6
22 weeks cumulative	376.6	391.5	D 3.8

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